

Argument Against 2006 Proposed Utility Tax Measure

In 2004, just two short years ago, you said “NO” to a Utility Tax. The City of Fremont’s financial picture has greatly improved in the last two years with unrestricted reserves increasing, despite predictions of dire consequences. You again need to Vote NO on this new Utility Tax proposal!

The city’s staff retirement contributions are on the rise again as salaries are increasing. These retirement contributions come from your tax dollars.

The annual compensation package for our city’s management team is on average over \$200,000 a year and increasing annually.

Have your personal cash savings increased?

Do you have more disposable income?

Have you been able to put more money away for retirement?

Does your employer pay for your commute costs?

Better yet, does your employer allow you to convert your commute cost into a higher salary, thereby increasing contributions to your retirement plan?

The city is banking on your charity, but charity begins at home. We should not be paying for inept management. They cannot even fix the potholes, thereby endangering our safety when we drive. However, the highway medians look well-landscaped.

Fremont residents pay about the highest property taxes per capita in the county. Renters pay their share in the form of higher rents.

The extra Hundreds of Millions that the city is receiving from Alameda County for Redevelopment is coming from you. Where is that money going?

All told, Fremont annually receives around \$250,000,000.00 from all sources. How much more do they need?

This Utility Tax sadly is nothing more than a money grab. Remember what you paid in utility bills this past hot summer. We are being taxed to death to live in Fremont.

Vote NO on this Utility Tax proposal!

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